



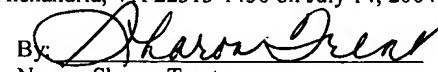
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Applicant:	Gieseke et al.	Examiner:	J.M. Greene
Serial No.:	10/721,934	Group Art Unit:	1724
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In response to the Office Action mail April 22, 2004, please amend the application as follows:

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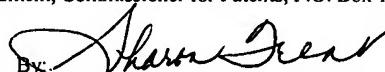


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Total Claims				
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Independent Claims				
4	- 3	= 1	x 86.00	= \$86.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE				\$0.00
TOTAL FILING FEE				140.00

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